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SUMMARY: ACTING DEFAD (HUBBARD) CALLED ON THE DEFADS OF
BELGIUM, CANADA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED
KINGDOM TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL RESPONSES TO
THE SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS THE
DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

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CANADA, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM TO
DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL RESPONSES TO THE SHORT-
TERM INITIATIVES. ALTHOUGH EACH DEFAD CHARACTERIZED HIS
COMMENTS AS "PRELIMINARY", EACH ASSURED HUBBARD THAT ITS
NATIONS'S RESPONSE TO THE SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES WOULD BE
POSITIVE. HUBBARD DREW ON THE CONTENTS OF REF A IN HIS

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DISCUSSIONS WITH DEFADS.

2. BELGIUM (MGENT TAYMANS):

A. ANTI-ARMOR - THE THREE SACEUR PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED.

B. WAR RESERVE STOCKS - THE FOUR SACEUR PROPOSALS ARE

ACCEPTED.

C. READINESS AND REINFORCEMENT - IN GENERAL, BELGIUM'S RESPONSES WILL BE POSITIVE. WHERE THEY ARE NOT, IT WILL BE BECAUSE OF LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS. SPECIFICALLY:

(1) HAWK MODERNIZATION - BELGIUM CONSIDERS THIS AN EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ISSUE BECAUSE A DECISION ON IMPROVING THE SIX BATTERIES WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. TAYMANS EMPHASIZED THAT NEWS LEAKS COULD JEOPARDIZE MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS' ABILITY TO GET APPROVAL FROM THE OTHER MINISTERS. TAYMANS ALSO SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE FUNDING FOR HELIP WAS STILL NOT RESOLVED AT THE MOD LEVEL, IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO COME OUT OF THE HIDES OF THE SERVICES; BUT, AS AN ASIDE, NOTED THAT THE BELGIAN NAVY FRIGATE PROGRAM WAS SECURE IN ITS FUNDING. A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS EXPECTED BY MID-SEPTEMBER.

(2) 12TH INF BRIGADE - ACCEPTED.

(3) FORWARD STORAGE PROGRAM - AGREE BUT SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE ON-GOING INFRASTRUCTURE WORK.

(4) READINESS AND DEPLOYABILITY OF RESERVES, EARMARKING ADDITIONAL CIVIL SEA/AIR TRANSPORT, AND AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF OPERATIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL TO COUNTER SURPRISE - NOT ACCEPTED AS WRITTEN DUE TO BELGIAN LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONSTRAINTS. HOWEVER, TAYMANS SAID IT DID NOT PRECLUDE BELGIUM FROM PARTICIPATING IN POSSIBLE STUDIES OF THE TOPICS.

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(5) STATIONING THE SECOND NETHERLANDS BRIGADE IN THE FRG - BELGIUM WILL COOPERATE AND EXPLORE THE SUBJECT WITH FRG, NL, AND UK.

3. CANADA (COL OLSONJSC

A. ANTI-ARMOR - THE THREE SACEUR PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED.

B. WAR RESERVE STOCKS - THE TWO SACEUR PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED.

C. REAMNESS AFHSREINFORCEMENT

(1) THE TWO SACEUR PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, OLSON SAID THAT, SINCE OE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOC AND AIR CANADA APPLIES ONLY DURING WARTIME, AIRLIFT CAPACITY IN PEACETIME IS LIMITED.

(2) SACLANT'S PROPOSAL ON THE ORDERLY REPLACEMENT/MODERNIZATION OF AGING DESTROYERS WILL BE A DIFFICULT ONE FOR CANADA# OLSON SAID HE CONSIDERED IT MORE A LONG-TERM PROPOSAL.

4. UNITED KINGDOM (PETERS): WITHOUT SPECIFYING, PETERS SAID THE UK WILL REPORT POSITIVELY ON FIFTEEN OF THE NINETEEN SACEUR PROPOSALS AND ELEVEN OF THE THIRTEEN SACLANT PROPOSALS. SOME OF THOSE NOT REPORTED POSITIVELY ARE ONES WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER COORDINATION WITH OTHER ALLIES,

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OR WHICH REQUIRE SKILLED MANPOWER. PETERS ALSO SAID THAT IN ORDER TO BE EVEN MORE POSITIVE, THE UK WILL SUBMIT IMPROVEMENTS IN ONE OR TWO ADDITIONAL AREAS WHICH, HE SAID, WILL CONSTITUTE A PLUS FOR THE EXERCISE.

5. THE NETHERLANDS (WYNAENDTS): THERE WILL BE A MEETING AT MOD THE HAGUE ON 7 SEPTEMBER TO DEVELOP THE NETHERLANDS' RESPONSE TO THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES. WYNAENDTS INDICATED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE NETHERLANDS PRESENTLY HAS A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT, HE EXPECTED A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE MEASURES. (HE CITED THE NETHERLANDS' RECENT RESPONSE TO THE DPQ AS EVIDENCE THAT THE CARETAKER GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES.) THE ONLY SPECIFIC SACEUR PROPOSALS WYNAENDTS MENTIONED WERE IN THE AREA OF WAR RESERVE STOCKS, WHICH HE SAID THE NETHERLANDS ACCEPTED.

THE SACLANT PROPOSAL FOR REPLACEMENT OF MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT, WAS A DIFFICULT ONE FOR THE NETHERLANDS AND ONE WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, WAS MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS A LONG TERM MEASURE. WYNAENDTS CONCLUDED HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE SECRET

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STATEMENT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE ASCRIBED TO THEM BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE.

6. GERMANY (SCHUENEMANN): THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ALL THE MNC PROPOSALS.

7. COMMENT: BASED ON OUR SAMPLING, WE BELIEVE THAT NATIONAL RESPONSES ARE SUFFICIENTLY UPBEAT TO ALLOW A POSITIVE DISCUSSION OF THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES IN THE DPC (REF B). IN ADDITION, WE ESTIMATE THAT DELEGATIONS HERE EXPECT, AND COULD REACT TO, A RELATIVELY SHORT-NOTICE CALL BY LUNS TO INCLUDE THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES ON THE SEPTEMBER 21 DPC AGENDA. (FRG DEFAD COMMENTED THAT HIS STAFF WAS PREPARING THE STATEMENT FOR THE FRG AMBASSADOR TO USE AT THE DPC.) THEREFORE, WE PLAN TO WAIT UNTIL WE FORMALLY FORWARD TO LUNS THE US RESPONSE TO PO/77/108 BEFORE REQUESTING THAT THE SHORT-TERM MEASURES BE ADDED TO THE SEPTEMBER 21 DPC AGENDA. END COMMENT. BENNETT

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